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MESSAGE FROM OBM DIRECTOR KIMBERLY MURNIEKS

OBM is excited to announce a series of regional meetings for local government leaders and finance officials: [Ohio Dollars and Sense](#). Presentations from OBM's Grants Partnership and the Ohio Department of Development will cover topics including the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and several grant programs in the state budget: Broadband, Brownfields and Demolitions, Water and Sewer Projects, and more! To register, please click the location where you plan to attend:

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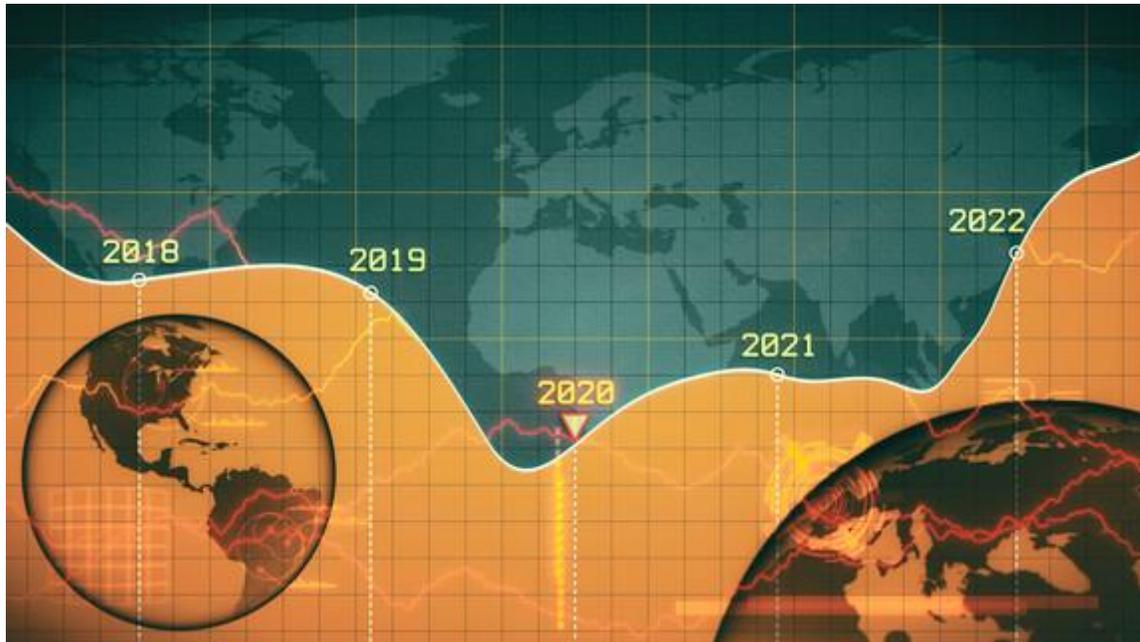
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Last week, [Ohio's Bond Rating and Outlook](#) was elevated to its highest level in 42 years! Governor DeWine noted this positive marketplace milestone; "the state of Ohio's financial management is solid and our economy is surging forward."

We released the Preliminary Revenue Data last week. To view the report follow this link [July 2021](#).

OBM is working diligently to oversee implementation of the new state budget as well as providing coordination and guidance on the federal relief funds flowing through the state. I appreciate your partnership! Please don't hesitate to reach out to our team if we can be helpful to you!



GRANTS ADMINISTRATION

Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds – Non-Entitlement Units of Local Government

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) appropriates \$19.53 billion of Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to states for distribution to “non-entitlement units of local government” (NEUs). The Ohio Office of Budget and Management (OBM) is facilitating the allocation and distribution of these funds to Ohio’s eligible NEUs. The funds will be distributed in accordance with the Treasury’s [Guidance on Distribution of Funds to Non-entitlement Units of Local Government](#).

To meet the Treasury requirements, OBM requires eligible NEUs to register for funding at <https://grants.ohio.gov/fundingopportunities.aspx> and provide the following information prior to distribution:

- Organizational information to include the DUNS number, Entity’s Taxpayer Identification Number, contact information for both an Authorized Representative and Grant Contact, and payment details;
- Top-line total annual operating budget amount as of January 27, 2020;
- Sign and upload award terms and conditions agreement provided in funding opportunity; and
- Sign and upload assurance of compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 provided in funding opportunity.

The listing of eligible NEUs and maximum allocation amounts as well as the recording of the July 9, 2021 webinar on the NEU registration process can be found at [Ohio Grants: Funding Opportunities](#). **The registration will be available until September 4, 2021**. After that date, an NEU will be considered unresponsive, meaning the Treasury authorizes the state to reallocate funds from unresponsive NEUs to responsive NEUs that have not exceeded the funding cap. NEUs wishing to decline funds **should not** complete the registration process. An NEU that does not want the funding may transfer funds back to the state. The NEU should notify the Ohio Grants Partnership at grants@obm.ohio.gov to indicate the desire to decline funding and transfer funds back to the state.

As always for questions or assistance, feel free to reach out to the Ohio Grants Partnership at grants@obm.ohio.gov.



Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF) - Assistance Listing Number and Compliance & Reporting Requirements

On May 28, 2021, the Treasury published the [Assistance Listing](#) for the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF) on SAM.gov. The final CFDA/Assistance Listing Number for the program is 21.027. The assistance listing, available at SAM.gov, includes helpful information including program purpose, statutory authority, eligibility requirements, and compliance requirements for recipients. The CFDA/Assistance Listing number is the unique 5-digit code for each type of federal assistance, and can be used to search for program information, including funding opportunities, spending on

usaspending.gov, or audit results through the Federal Audit Clearinghouse. Note: This number is different from the Coronavirus Relief Funds. To expedite payments and meet statutory timelines, Treasury issued initial payments under the existing Coronavirus Relief Fund CFDA/Assistance Listing number of 21.019. If you have already received funds or captured the initial CFDA number in your records, you should update your systems and reporting to reflect the final CFDA number 21.027.

The Assistance Listing published on SAM.gov also provided important details as to which Uniform Guidance sections are applicable to the program. Recipients should be aware that the majority of the Uniform Guidance is applicable, which is different from the Coronavirus Relief Funds. In particular, recipients should be aware of new requirements such as those related to procurement, which can be found in [2 CFR 200.318 through 200.327](#). Feel free to reach out to the Ohio Grants Partnership at grants@obm.ohio.gov as we are always happy to help.

WEBINAR SERIES



OBM hosted four webinars in our Ohio Connect\$ series. The July 29 webinar provided more in-depth information on the American State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, Authoritative Guidance from the U.S. Treasury, and compliance requirements for procurement and reporting. The June 24 webinar provided detailed information on the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to include the NEU distribution process. The April 29 webinar provided initial allowable cost information on ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, as well as an update on the Governor's Executive Budget, local government eligibility for Public Assistance Funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and additional information on Coronavirus Relief Funds. The May 18 webinar provided additional details on the ARPA State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds including provisions and requirements from the U.S. Treasury Interim Final

Rule and Frequently Asked Questions document, which were released on May 10. If you were unable to attend these webinars, the recordings are available on the [Ohio Grants Partnership website](#).

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